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Inquiry: Is it within the Scope of Practice or legal to have an LVN cross-trained to be the "Only RT on" in a small hospital? This person only has an LVN and EMT background.

Response: The Board does not regulate the scope of practice of other licensed practitioners. I would recommend that you contact the licensing board for Licensed Vocational Nurses to clarify their scope of practice. Their contact information is provided for your reference:

Board of Vocational Nursing
2535 Capitol Oaks Drive # 205
Sacramento, CA 95833
(916) 263-7800

I would further recommend that you review Title 22 with regards to the appropriate staffing and the services provided at your facility. There is specific language that defines the qualification of the staff providing respiratory care services and the medical direction they must have to provide these services safely to the public.

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